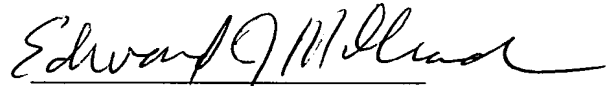


second absorbent core component may be removed from the absorbent article through [said] the backsheet without having to remove the absorbent article from [the] a wearer, [said] the first access means comprising a first discontinuity [forming an opening in said] in the web, [said opening] the first discontinuity being positioned in [said] the first waist region, a first recloseable flap secured over [said opening] the first discontinuity, and a first fastener for recloseably joining the first flap to [said] the backsheet.

REMARKS

Applicants submit that Claim 11 has been amended to more clearly define the first and second absorbent core components and the backsheet, and is fully supported by the specification as originally filed (see 7:2-8:28 and 10:22-11:27). Applicant further submit that the informalities, stated by the Examiner in the Office Communication dated April 8, 1999, have been corrected. These changes do not introduce new matter. This supplemental amendment is believed to be fully responsive and entry is believed to be proper and respectfully requested.

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